



# New England Sounding Line



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## Looking Forward to Summer '99

by John Stey, Associate Director

From what we learned at the RML Directors Meeting and MLA, the FALL of 1999 should be very interesting!

The NN/LM RFP for the next five year contract will be available in February or March and will not be substantively different from the current contract. The outreach focus will be dedicated to consumer health. We look forward to convening a meeting in late Fall to discuss the new proposal.

The new DOCLINE system was previewed with a look at screen captures from the Web browser. As Ed Donnald's article on page 3 indicates the screens look crisp and functional but the system hardware requirements are a concern. We were also informed that the present DOCLINE system is Y2K compliant if the delivery date becomes an issue. A seamless access to DOCLINE, DOCUSER, SERHOLD, LOCATOR<sub>plus</sub> and PubMed will streamline the ILL process for both

small and large libraries.

A discussion of web-based tutorials for online training included a comment that NLM is still committed to classroom training. Other items discussed included the Dr. Varmus proposal on E-Biomed, a new publishing mechanism spearheaded by NIH. Daniel Dollar's piece on NLM re-invention efforts describes many of the changes soon to be available.

A review of the current public library projects from Region 01 and 02 indicated that consumer health information access is having a bigger impact on smaller libraries, little increase in requests for ILLs, and difficulty with medical terminology and the medical reference interview. It was also noted that public librarians are more apt to be generalists and tend to rely on print resources to a large degree.

NLM anticipates having at least 300 Health Topics in MedlinePlus by the end of the year. Lower literacy levels, hot topics, and foreign languages were also discussed for this site. The Consumer Health RFP was recently posted with a due date for proposals of July 30<sup>th</sup>. Awards will be made in the Fall.

MLA once again gave us an opportunity to spend time with our counterparts and colleagues from across the country. The plenary sessions were interesting and informative and the continuing education that I attended was excellent. Ann Olsen from Vanderbilt described their experience in planning an IAIMS Model for Vanderbilt. The sessions on copyright were particularly valuable and well attended.

For those who were not able to attend MLA this year, we have a complete set of the tapes that can be borrowed by simply calling the NER office at 1-800-338-7657 or e-mail Cheryl Sinkler at [sinkler@nso.uchc.edu](mailto:sinkler@nso.uchc.edu).

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## Changes To HealthSTAR®

by Ione Auston, NICHSR

The HealthSTAR database provides access to the published literature of health services technology, administration, and research. HealthSTAR is produced jointly by NLM's National Information Center on Health Services Research and Health Care Technology (NICHSR) (<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/nichsr/nichsr.html>) and the American Hospital Association (AHA) (<http://www.aha.org>). As with other NLM databases, HealthSTAR is undergoing fundamental changes as part of the Library's System Reinvention initiative.

### HealthSTAR Data

Currently, HealthSTAR contains MEDLINE® citations from 1975 to the present that constitute 95% of the database.

HealthSTAR also contains additional, unique records specially indexed for it from three sources:

1. journal articles with an emphasis on health care administration, selected and indexed on an ongoing basis by AHA;
2. journal articles, technical and government reports, meeting papers and abstracts, and books and book chapters on health services research, clinical practice guidelines, and health care technology assessment selected and indexed on an ongoing basis through NICHSR;
3. a collection of 9,451 retrospective (1975-1981) monographs, technical reports, and theses from the National Health Planning Information Center (NHPIC).

### HealthSTAR System Reinvention Actions

#### Phase I - February 1999

As a first phase, CATLINE® records from NLM's book catalog were removed from HealthSTAR in February 1999. These records are now available through NLM's new Web-based Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) called LOCATORplus®.

#### Phase II - Current

The second phase is to merge HealthSTAR unique journal citations into the PubMed® database. This process is underway and HealthSTAR journal citations have already begun to appear in an enhanced MEDLINE via NLM's PubMed interface. The enhanced MEDLINE database will now be defined as including citations from the approximately 840 journals previously indexed only for HealthSTAR. Included in these 840 journal titles are 244 currently indexed titles; the rest of the 840 are ceased titles, changed titles, deselected titles, etc.

With the initial load of about 169,000 of HealthSTAR journal citations into PubMed (through the 9903 Entry Month), the Entrez Date [EDAT] was based on Date of Publication [DP].

Subsequent monthly updates of HealthSTAR unique journal citations added to PubMed will have a current Entrez Date [EDAT] value assigned for the day the citations first appeared in PubMed. These unique HealthSTAR citations are nearly identical in format to other MEDLINE citations. The integration of the HealthSTAR journal citations into PubMed yields one seamless display of the results.

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## Education Notes: NLM System Reinvention

by Daniel Dollar, Education Coordinator

The NLM exhibit at MLA'99 in Chicago was a hopping place as the folks from Bethesda demonstrated existing systems and previewed things to come—and there are lots of things to come. The Web version of DOCLINE® was a major point of discussion, and information on that development is available elsewhere in this issue of the *Sounding Line*. Below is a quick listing of other highlights:

- HealthSTAR unique journal citations have been merged into PubMed. [For all the details, see the article on pages 2 of this issue of the *Sounding Line*.]
- The coverage of OLDMEDLINE® will be expanded by two years to cover 1958 to 1965.
- TOXNET® is due for a makeover that will include TOXLINE® searching.
- PubMed will have a revised advanced search screen. [Check out the New/Noteworthy link on the PubMed search screen for preview information on the upcoming changes.]
- NLM will develop a gateway search interface that will allow combined searches of PubMed, LocatorPlus, TOXNET, and other NLM databases.

The above list gives you a hint at what is on the way. One thing you will note is the lack of fixed dates for these changes and improvements to be implemented. In part because of the vast amount of work being done, it is difficult to set precise dates.

The merging of HealthSTAR citations into PubMed has already happened. To locate some unique HealthSTAR citations, I constructed the following search “financial management, hospital [MESH®] AND medicare.” By viewing the results in the MEDLINE report display format, I was able to identify the unique HealthSTAR citations by the presence of the Secondary Source ID (SI) and Special List Indicator (LI) search field tags. Currently, you cannot search on these tags, although PubMed search enhancements will be added to allow you to limit your search to these types of records.

The other implementation date that is firm concerns the cutoff of ELHILL® access on September 30, 1999. As a general rule you can expect the other changes to occur in the late summer or fall of 1999. We will keep you up to date as the new versions and features debut.

One of the driving forces behind most of these major changes is the NLM System Reinvention Initiative, which is being pushed by a number of factors, including congressional mandate and Y2K. Refer to the diagram on page 9 for a graphical interpretation of the NLM System Reinvention Initiative.

The NLM System Reinvention Initiative is relying heavily on the use of the latest versions of Internet browsers Internet Explorer 5.0 and/or Netscape 4.5 with cookies and JavaScript enabled. Please let the RML know whether your library will have problems with these minimum system requirements, so we can inform NLM.



## Will You Be Able To Use The New DOCLINE?

by Edward Donnald, Network Coordinator

At MLA in Chicago last month, NLM previewed what the new design for DOCLINE and SERHOLD® very well may look like. The web pages looked nice and hold the promise of bringing the system into a current day web interface.

Notes from the DOCLINE Sunrise Seminar are on page 4. At this point in time, the fourth point under System Requirements merits some discussion and is of interest to the NER office. Can your library be upgraded to versions 4.5 of Netscape or 5.0 of Internet Explorer? Can you enable JavaScript and cookies? These functions will be needed to interact with the new DOCLINE system. Check with your IT department and ask if these two requirements will pose a problem. We'd like to ask that you report back to us so that we can prepare for the upcoming migration to the new system. E-mail your responses to the office at donnald@nso.uchc.edu. Send your name, LIBID, Institution name and Yes or No answers to the two questions, "I will be able to run either of those versions of web browsers" and "I can enable JavaScript and cookies on my browser".

As developments are forthcoming over the summer, watch the NESL listserv for more information.

## DOCLINE Sunrise Seminar

Medical Library Association Annual Conference

May 18, 1999

Rosalyn Leiderman and Deena Acton presented the DOCLINE system that is currently under development at NLM and is expected to be available by the end of 1999. It was emphasized that the new system will both retain its current functionality and provide many new features and a smoother interface. Seminar attendees were warned that all screens are still subject to change. Regardless of the release date (before or after the new year), NLM's current DOCLINE system will remain available until the new system is up and running. Testing for Y2K compliance is complete. Below is a summary of the seminar discussion.

NLM needs to complete the programming and testing. An implementation plan will be announced later this year. NLM will have a web page in June or July that will provide users with more information on these tentative dates and plans. The availability of the web page will be announced on DOCLINE and the regional listservs.

**System Requirements:** The minimum system requirements for the new system...

- Internet access
- 28800 modem or higher transmission
- Screen resolution of 800 x 600 or higher
- Netscape 4.5 or Internet Explore 5.0 with Javascript and cookies enabled
- Barcode font for printing the request number on receipts (optional)

All DOCLINE users must have access to the Internet to use the new system. There will be no other service providers to the new system. Any users who do not have Internet access are encouraged to contact their RML for assistance.

**ISO/ILL Protocol:** NLM plans to implement the ISO/ILL protocol in the new DOCLINE. The ILL protocol provides users with the ability to exchange messages (requests) between proprietary systems. Third party software, such as QuickDOC® and ClioDoc®, may elect to communicate with DOCLINE through the ILL protocol. In addition, users will be able to send requests from DOCLINE to other proprietary systems that have implemented the protocol.

**AT&T FTS2000 Dial Up Service:** The AT&T FTS2000 service will be discontinued as of September 30, 1999. NLM will continue to have dial up service after September 30, 1999 for DOCLINE users until the new system is available. Plans for the new dial up service will be announced in the summer. The QuickDOC software will be modified to accommodate the new dial up service. Users who can transition to the Internet should do so now.

**New LIBID:** Currently there are two unique identifiers for a DOCLINE library, each serving a different purpose: the LIBID and the SERHOLD code. In the new system there will be only one unique identifier. The new LIBID for U.S. and Canadian libraries will consist of the US MARC Geographical Code and the SERHOLD code. The new LIBID for other countries will consist of the first two letters in the US MARC Country Code, followed by the letter "X", and the SERHOLD code. For example:

United States

University of Illinois at Chicago, Library of the Health Sciences  
ILUILL [state abbreviation + U + SERHOLD code]

Canada

Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (CISTI)  
ONCCIS [province code + C + SERHOLD code]

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Other countries

BIREME-Latin American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information, Sao Paulo, Brazil  
BRXBIR [first two letters of country + X + SERHOLD code]

**New Request Number:** The new request number will be a sequential number up to a maximum of eight digits. It may be displayed and printed (optionally) in a barcode format on the receipt. The new request number will not begin with the borrower's SERHOLD code. Loansome Doc requests will no longer begin with LDX or LDD. The Loansome Doc request number will be retained when it is transferred to DOCLINE.

**Features of the new system:** The new system will allow users to submit and retrieve requests, search and update DOCUSER, search and update SERHOLD, access a list of Loansome Doc patrons, change their password, and access online help.

## **DOCLINE**

It is envisioned that users will retrieve citations from PubMed or LOCATORplus by linking to these systems through DOCLINE. Users will be able to establish a routing profile that will eliminate the repetitive keying of interlibrary loan information that is required to complete the form.

New time-triggered actions will be implemented in the new system. Lenders will have two business days to update requests as filled or rejected.

## **SERHOLD**

In order to convert the holdings data, NLM will freeze the current online SERHOLD system and make it "view only" two weeks prior to the implementation of the new DOCLINE system.

In the new system, DOCLINE participants will be able to search the entire SERHOLD database. Each library will be able to update its own holdings.

Programming for batch updating will not be completed until late 2000. At that time, NLM will accept OCLC and USMARC batch updates for libraries that are currently updating via batch and elect to continue to do so. However, all libraries are strongly urged to update online if possible to improve the currency of data available in SERHOLD.

A library will be able to print or download its own holdings, holdings for a library group of which it is a member, and holdings for its own state or province.

Users will be allowed to view holdings, update or delete the holdings for which they have update rights.

## **Questions and Answers:**

1. *Where can I obtain written information on the current DOCLINE system being Y2K compliant?*

This information will be available on NLM's web site (<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/y2k/y2k.htm>)

2. *How are library groups established?*

Library groups will be used to authorize SERHOLD Coordinators to update holdings for specific groups of libraries as well as allowing DOCLINE participants the ability to limit searches in SERHOLD by library groups.

Library groups consist of eleven or more related libraries that cannot be identified in any other way (e.g. all DOCLINE libraries in Maryland would not be considered a library group since a search can be limited by state).

Library groups are established by NLM in consultation with the RML. The RMLs review and approve changes and additions to library groups. These changes are then submitted to NLM.

## Did You Miss MLA?

The NN/LM NER office has a complete set of the audio tapes from the meeting in Chicago. If you would like to borrow a tape, please contact Cheryl Sinkler at 800-338-7657 or 860-679-4500 e-mail at sinkler@nso.uchc.edu. Tapes will be loaned for a two week period.

### Medical Library Association 1999 Meeting

#### GENERAL SESSIONS

- GS1. Welcome to MLA '99 and Presidential Address...*Jacqueline Donaldson Doyle, AHIP, Director of Learning Resources, Merrill Brown MD Health Sciences Library, Samaritan Health System, Phoenix, AZ*
- GS2. Plenary I – The John P. McGovern Lecture...*Introduction: Robrt A. Pisciotta, Associate Chair, 1999 National Program Committee and Associate Director, Library Operations, Archie Dykes Library, University of Kansas City Medical Center-Kansas City; “Your Future: Toast of the Town or Just Plain Toast:...Daniel Burus, Chief Executive Officer, Burrus Research Associates, Inc., Milwaukee, WI*
- GS3. The Janet Doe Lecture...*Introduction: Wayne J. Peay, Director, Eccles Health Sciences Library, University of Utah-Salt Lake City; “Enabling, Empowering, Inspiring: Research and Mentorship Through the Years”...Sherrilynn Fuller, Ph.D., Director, Health Sciences Libraries and Information Center, University of Washington-Seattle*
- GS4. National Library of Medicine Update
- GS5. The Joseph Leiter NLM/MLA Lecture...*Introduction: Suzanne F. Grefsheim, Director, NIH Library, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD; “Can We Afford Technological Progress and an Aging Society?”...Daniel Callahan, Ph.D., Director, International Programs, The Hastings Center, Briarcliff Manor, NY*
- GS6. Legislative Update
- GS7. Inaugural Address...*Frieda O. Weise, AHIP, President, Medical Library Association, and Executive Director, Health Sciences an Human Services Library, University of Maryland-Baltimore Centennial Celebration Conclusion...June H. Fulton, AHIP, Chair, Centennial Coordinating Committee and Chair, Institute for Scientific Information, Medical Documentation Services, Philadelphia Welcome to MLA 2000 Host city, Vancouver, BC, Canada...Brett A. Kirkpatrick, AHIP, Chair, 2000 National Program Committee and Director, Moody Medical Library, University of Texas Medical Branch-Galveston; Joanne G. Marshall, Ph.D., AHIP Associate Chair, 2000 National Program Committee and Dean, School of Information and Library Science, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill; and Jim Henderson, Local Assistance Chair, 2000 National Program Committee and Medical Library Service, College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada*
- GS8. Plenary II...*Moderator: Rochelle Minchow, AHIP Member, 1999 National Program Committee, and Head, Medical Center Library, University of California-Irvine, Orange; “Medical Libraries, Network Information, and the New Medical Informatics”...Clifford Lynch, Ph.D., Executive Director, Coalition for Networked Information (CNI), Washington, DC*

#### SECTION PROGRAMMING

01. Chiropractic Libraries and Veterinary Medical Libraries Sections – “Going to the Dogs: Unusual Trends in Health Care for Man and Beast”
02. Collection Development Section – “Global Mergers and Local Acquisitions: Impetus and Impact”
03. Medical Informatics, Hospital Libraries, Medical School Libraries, and Research Sections – “A Medical Informatics Research Agenda for the Next Century”
04. Medical Library Education Section – “Education for Medical Librarians”
05. Pharmacy and Drug Information Section – “New Developments in Drug Therapy Searching: The Future of Pharmaceutical Care” (The 1999 EMBASE Lecture)
06. National Program Committee I – “Perfect Partners for Tense Times: Collaboration and Cooperation with Our Peers”

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07. National Program Committee II – “New Tools for Perfecting the Future: Techniques to Add to Our Skills”
08. Collection Development, Public Services, and Technical Services Sections – “Digital Resources Issues and Management – Session I. Selection to End User”
09. Dental Libraries, Hospital Libraries, Medical School Libraries, Nursing and Allied Health Resources, and Pharmacy and Drug Information Sections – “Taking It on the Road: Providing Access to Information Resources for Users Off-site”
10. Educational Media and Technologies Sections – “Working in a Digital World – Session I. Librarian as Publisher”
11. History of the Health Sciences Section – “Past Perfect for Present Tense”
12. Nursing and Allied Health Resources Section – “Nurses as Information Seekers: An Historical Perspective”
13. Relevant Issues Section and Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Health Sciences Librarians SIG – “Millennium Management: A Worklife Diversity Skills Workshop”
14. Research, Medical Informatics, and Hospital Libraries Sections – “Research Process Panel: Expert Advice for Taking the Pain out of Research”
15. Cancer Librarians, Consumer and Patient Health Information, and Hospital Libraries Sections – “The Power of Imagery for Health and Wellness”
16. Collection Development, Public Services, and Technical Services Sections – “Digital Resources Issues and Management – Session II. Interface Design and Access”
17. Educational Media and Technologies Section – “Working in a Digital World – Session II. LRCs in Transition”
18. Pharmacy and Drug Information, Hospital Libraries, Medical School Libraries, Medical Society Libraries, and Research Sections – “Evidence-Based Medicine: Implications for the Health Sciences Librarian and Other Health Professionals”
19. Relevant Issues and Public Health/Health Administration Libraries Sections – “Youth Violence: The Present Is Tense. Issues to Address a Better Future”
20. Research, Medical Informatics, and Hospital Libraries Sections – “Reports of Informatics Research Results: Understanding Our Present to Help Create a More Perfect Future”
21. Federal Libraries, International Cooperation, Medical Informatics, Public Health/Health Administration Libraries, and Veterinary Medical Libraries Sections – “Cross Connecting Issues in Global Health. Toward International Collaboration”
22. Hospital Libraries Section – “Information Technology Forum: From the Ridiculous to the Sublime: Automating When It Seems Impossible”
23. Medical Informatics, Hospital Libraries, Medical School Libraries, and Research Sections – “Collaborating Today for a Better Tomorrow: Reports of Collaborative Research Crossing Disciplines, Institutions, Associations”
24. Public Services Section and Outreach SIG – “Standards and Quality Assurance in Public Services”



[http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/mj99/mj99\\_technote.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/mj99/mj99_technote.html)

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- \* Direct Access to ELHILL and TOXNET Command/Menu Systems Ceases on September 30, 1999
- \* Request for Input on NLM Long Range Plan
- \* Hospital and Health Administration Index
- \* Converting SDI searches to PubMed
- \* HealthSTAR Unique Journal Citations Migrate to PubMed

## UConn Gets Public Health Grant

The University of Connecticut Health Center has been awarded a “Partners in Information Access” subcontract to connect CT Departments of Public Health to the Internet. Marion Levine, Associate Director of the Lyman Maynard Stowe Library, submitted the proposal. The official press release and a brief description of recently awarded projects can be viewed at [http://www.nlm.nih.gov/news/press\\_releases/pubhthpr.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/news/press_releases/pubhthpr.html)

## In The Palm Of Your Hand

by Edward Donnald, Network Coordinator



You may already have seen a physician walking down the hall gazing into a small hand held device or perhaps you have one yourself. The Palm Pilot™, by 3Com, has created and is in the midst of a hand held revolution in computing. **The Washington Post** (Chandrasekaran, R. (1999, May 30). *If you were stranded on a desert island . . . What One Thing Would You Wish For?* [WWW document]. URL <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/WPlate/1999-05/30/1211-053099-idx.html>) recently ran an article where Dr. Steven Epstein at Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, MA was mentioned consulting a database on his Palm Pilot and making a diagnosis, never leaving the side of the ER patient.

Whether you're interested yourself or perhaps you can see down the road to a point where the physicians are coming to you for medical resources for their hand held device, let me give you a push in the right direction.

For general information on the Palm Pilot, begin at the 3Com site <http://www.palm.com>. Of course there are lots of links to explore.

For sites devoted specifically to medicine, these should offer good starting points.

- Doctor PalmPilot  
<http://oac1.oac.tju.edu/%7Einfo/JMG/>
- DrPilot Software  
<http://members.home.net/drpilot/>
- Dr. Tau's Personal Palm III Page  
<http://www.ocpapsych.com/palm3.htm>
- Handheld Med-Clinical Handheld Computing  
<http://handheldmed.com>
- PalmPilot Tools for Evidence-Based Medicine  
<http://www.mtco.com/~glwoods/Default.htm>
- Dr. Oh's Palm Med Page  
<http://hometown.aol.com/robboh98/palm.html>
- Psychology Resources for the PalmPilot  
<http://psych.colorado.edu/~brez/pilot/pilotpsy.htm>

And there are websites that have a larger mission

than just providing information. ePhysician is the first Internet based tool that enables health care professionals to prescribe medications and order laboratory tests, screen critical patient information and check schedule information using Palm handheld devices. Ultimately, ePhysician will create a complete, Web-based mobile practice management system using handheld devices that connect to the Internet. Their website can be found at <http://www.ephysician.com/>

It's truly amazing where technology is taking us and the Palm Pilot makes the ride kind of fun.

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### HealthSTAR Continued from page 2

There are a few fields or field values unique to HealthSTAR citations that can be seen in the various PubMed display formats, e.g., Secondary Source ID (SI) and Special List Indicator (LI). It is expected that searching enhancements will be implemented in PubMed to accommodate unique HealthSTAR fields later in the summer, after the new PubMed search screens are available.

#### Phase III - Future

The third phase under System Reinvention actions will be to migrate remaining unique records in HealthSTAR (technical and government reports and books and book chapters) into LOCATOR<sub>plus</sub>. Processes for converting these citations are under development.

HealthSTAR remains searchable on IGM. Until conversion processes for both HealthSTAR journal and book records are completed early next year, users can continue to search the HealthSTAR database via Internet Grateful Med (<http://igm.nlm.nih.gov>) and to search LOCATOR<sub>plus</sub> (<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/locatorplus>) for NLM catalog citations.

#### Frequency of Updates

HealthSTAR unique journal citations are entered monthly into PubMed. IGM® is updated weekly with HealthSTAR unique journal citations.

#### Search Hint

A search strategy run in PubMed will not retrieve exactly the same number of journal citations for the health services technology, research, and administration literature as an identical search run using IGM's HealthSTAR search screen because of the difference of the update frequency. Also, an IGM HealthSTAR search may yield additional retrieval for books and technical reports in this subject area. If you are interested in only journal literature, it is recommended that you search PubMed. If you want to include the other types of information discussed in Phase 3, you should search using IGM's HealthSTAR search screen. It is not necessary to search both PubMed and IGM with the same search strategy because this will result in duplicate retrieval of the journal citations.



# Outreach Proposals Being Reviewed

by Nancy Putnam, Outreach Coordinator

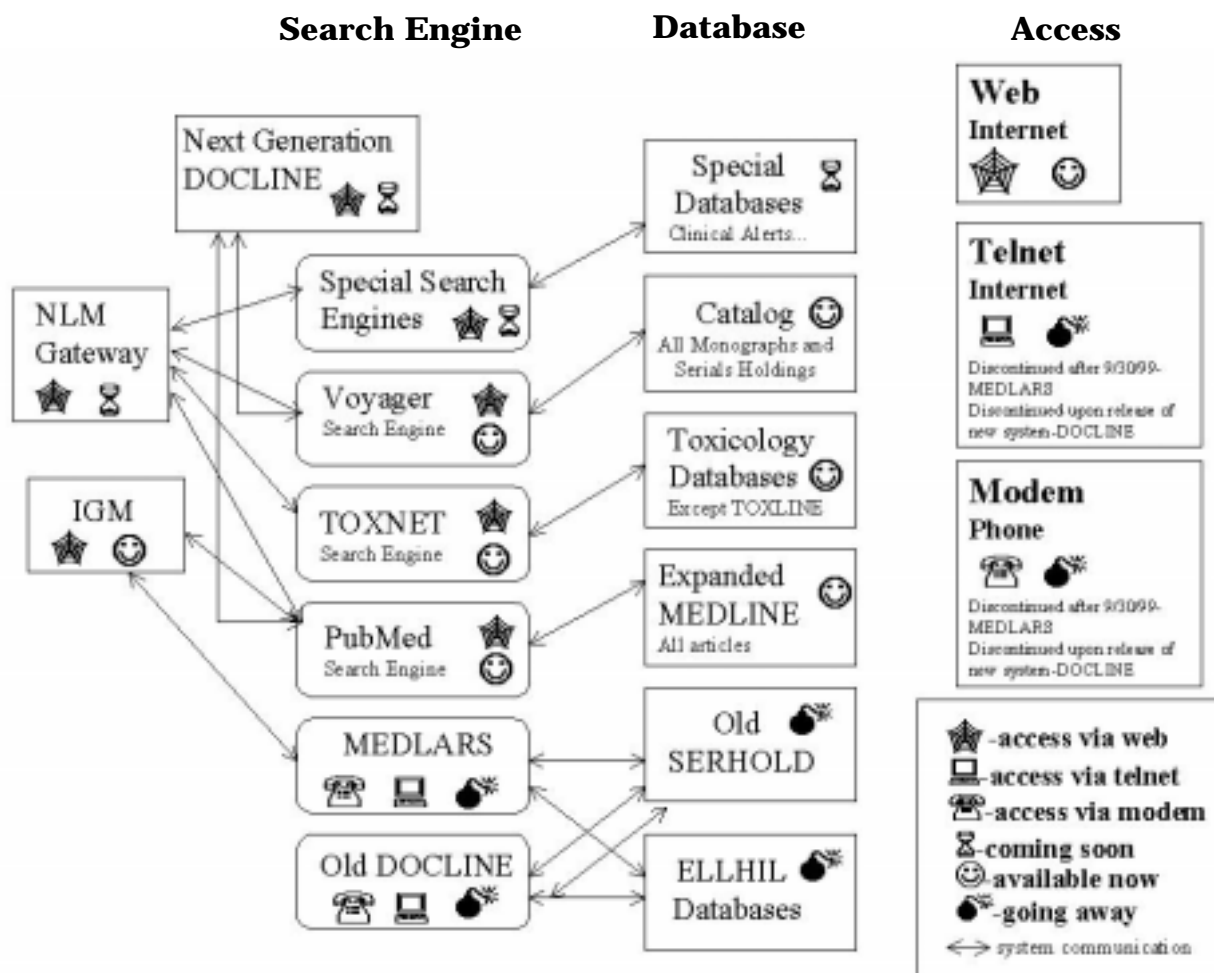
This years outreach request for proposal produced eleven excellent project submissions for a total funding request of \$239,414.65. Many of the proposals had a consumer health focus to them, while others aimed at library improvement and document delivery. We were excited to see so many institutions interested in reaching out to benefit their communities.

A panel of five people consisting of both health care professionals and librarians review the proposals. Each reviewer follows the criteria for evaluation as found in the RFP appropriating scores and comments for each section. Upon return to the NN/LM office the scores are tabulated, comments are summarized, and the results and recommendations are sent to NLM for approval. We sincerely thank this years reviewers for taking on this task.

We will notify the successful institutions as soon as NLM has made their final decision and will post the results in the outreach section of our web site and in the *New England Sounding Line*.

The National Library of Medicine has also announced a request for proposal covering Access to Electronic Health Information for the Public. This proposal is due on July 30, 1999. More information about this proposal can be found on our web site at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/ner/>

If you're confused about what's happening with NLM's System Reinvention, perhaps this will help. Based on a design created by Chris Shaffer, NN/LM GMR <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/gmr/publish/nlmsys.html>, this chart may help you understand what is staying, what is leaving and what is yet to come.



## Do You Think You're Too Small To Get A Grant?

Emily Scribner at Franklin Memorial Hospital, in Farmington, ME doesn't think so and neither did the National Library of Medicine. Betsy Kimball, System Planner and Grant Writer for Franklin Memorial Hospital, submitted a "Internet Initiative for West Central Maine" proposal to NLM and it has been funded to the tune of \$49,968.

A news release for the Franklin Community Health Network commented that the grant would enhance Internet access to all health providers in rural west central Maine, including the hospital, the hospital's corporate affiliates (Pine Tree Medical Associates, Evergreen Behavioral Services, and Healthy Community Coalition), the area's five HealthReach federally qualified health centers, local physicians (in both group and solo practices), Androscoggin Home Health Services, and four area nursing homes.

Using the grant-funded connections, planned project applications include online databases and medical resources, communication among professional colleagues, continuing medical education, data sharing, and physician-directed online resources for patients' informed decision-making.

This grant has supported the increased bandwidth (to T1) of the existing 56K line to the Internet Service Provider, purchase of an NT-based firewall and a modem bank, aid in offsetting a portion of the first year's cost of an additional upgraded line, and purchase of routers and CSU/DSU's for 3 additional WAN connections.

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## EFTS-Are You In Danger Of Being Removed From The System?

According to the Policies and Procedures for Participation in EFTS distributed in February a library may be removed from the system. "Accounts on HOLD for three (3) consecutive months will be terminated from the system and a Final Invoice will be sent." This means that an account will have had a negative balance for six months. Please review your account balance against your spending patterns to make sure that you avoid any danger of being removed from EFTS. If you are on HOLD, please remit sufficient funds to bring your account to ACTIVE. If you are getting "Insufficient \$" errors from a library that is on HOLD, contact them and encourage them to bring their account up to date so that their future participation isn't in jeopardy.

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